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- Publication of the Locus Project's *Historical Dictionary of Gaelic Placenames*
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ITS LECTURES IN DUBLIN AND LONDON LÉACHTAÍ FAOI CHOIMIRCE CHUMANN NA SCRÍBHEANN nGAEDHILGE I mBAILE ÁTHÁ CLIATH AGUS I LONDAIN

The Irish Texts Society values its link with London through its foundation there, and this is reflected in its activities.

In 2006, the Noel O'Connell Memorial Lecture was initiated to honour the memory of the London-based civil engineer Noel O'Connell, the ITS's Honorary Secretary from 1967 to 1991. This lecture is held in partnership with the Irish Literary Society, itself founded in London in 1892 - from a subcommittee of which the ITS emerged in 1898.

This year's lecture was delivered in April by Professor John Tuomey, of



architectural practice. His wide ranging presentation on aspects of architectural design drew many questions and contributions

from the audience, including from actors and people involved in theatre, and those who were familiar with the building in its previous form.

Members of the O'Connell family were present at the lecture and Noel's daughter, Emer, moved the vote of thanks to the speaker.

Earlier, in March, the inaugural ITS Breandán Ó Buachalla Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr John Carey of UCC in the National Library of Ireland in Dublin.



UCD and O'Donnell and Tuomey Architects, on the subject of 'The Lyric Theatre Belfast', a project recently completed by his



Above/Thuas: Members of ITS Council attending the Meeting of Council held at the London Office of the Federation of Irish Societies on 28-05-2011 - Baill de Chomhairle Chumann na Scríbhheann nGaedhilge a bhí i láthair ag an gCumann Éireannacha, Londain - 28-05-2011: (ó chlé) An tOllamh Máire Herbert - Uachtarán an Chumainn, Michael J Burns - Cisteoir Oinigh, Geoffrey Keating, An Dr Pádraigín Riggs, An Dr Kevin Murray, David Sexton, An tOllamh Ruraí Ó hUiginn, An Dr Marc Caball, Seán Hutton - Rúnaí Oinigh.

Left/Ar chlé 1, ó chlé: O'Connell Lecture/Léacht Uí Chonaill - Seán Hutton, An tOllamh John Tuomey.

Left/Ar chlé 2, ó chlé: Ó Buachalla Lecture/Léacht Uí Bhuchalla - An Dr Marc Caball, An Dr John Carey, An tOllamh Máire Herbert.

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The lecture has been insti-
tuted by the Society to
commemorate the contri-
bution of the late Professor
Ó Buachalla to the ITS
during his membership of
Council between 1988 and
2010. In recent years Bre-
andán had been concerned
with the raising of the pro-
file of the Society in the
Dublin region - a project in
which Dr Marc Caball of
ITS Council has also taken
a leading role. It is appro-
priate that this lecture
should bear his name.

Dr Carey's lecture - 'The
Wanderings of the Battle
of Moytirra' - ranged in a
masterly way across the

history,
contents
and con-
texts of
Harleian
5280, the
older of
two
manu-
scripts
on which
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Gray's edition of *Cath
Maige Tuired/The Second
Battle of Mag Tuired*, is
based. Dr Carey's presenta-
tion referred to the manu-
script tradition, Irish scribes
and English antiquarians,

and mythic struggles and
their meanings.

The lecture was attended
by members of the Ó Bua-
challa family and was fol-
lowed by an NLI-hosted
wine reception.



Léacht Uí Bhuachalla: (ó chlé) An tOllamh Pádraig Ó Riain,
Aingel Uí Bhuachalla, Cliona Ní Bhuachalla.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - DON DIALANN

An exhibition, 'The Irish Texts Society', curated by Dr Marc Caball, UCD and ITS Council, forms part of the NLI's Discovery programme and can be viewed throughout 2011 at 2-3 Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

ITS Exhibition Lectures

Lectures, open to the public (booking not required), will take place in the Seminar Room of the National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2 at 7.00 p.m. (Contact: bosullivan@nli.ie)
Lecture 1: 'Táin Bó Cuailnge: Ireland's National Epic?' will be given by Professor Ruairí Ó hUiginn on Tuesday 11 October 2011.

Lecture 2: 'Geoffrey Keating: the man and the myths' will be given by Dr Bernadette Cunningham on Tuesday 25 October 2011

ITS/UCC Annual Seminar (Cork)

The 13th Annual Seminar will focus on ITS Main Series volumes 26, 27 *Caithréim Thoirdealbhaigh / The Triumphs of Turlough*. It will take place on Saturday 5 November 2011 at University College, Cork. Full details of the programme plus a downloadable application form will be posted on the ITS website, and that of the Locus Project at University College, Cork. The proceedings of previous seminars form volumes 10-14, 16-21 of the Society's Subsidiary Series.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS / LEABHAIR NUA

Volume 64 *Cath Cluana Tarbh/The Battle of Clontarf*, edited by Meidhbhín Ní Úrdail, 2011 (ISBN 1 870 16664 7). Price: £38 stg., €42, US \$56.50 (Members: £25 stg., €28, US\$38)

Subsidiary Series 21 *Tadhg Dall Ó hUiginn: His Historical and Literary Context*, edited by Pádraigín Riggs, 2010 (ISBN 1 87016680 9). Price: £19 stg., €21, US \$28.50 (Members £13 stg., €14, US \$19)

Subsidiary Series 22 *A Guide to Publications on Irish Placenames*, prepared by Donna Thornton (assisted by Kevin Murray) (ISBN 1 87016669 8) (Price: £19 stg., €21, US \$28.50 (Members £13 stg., €14, US \$19)

Historical Dictionary of Gaelic Placenames / Foclóir Stairiúil Áitainmneacha na Gaeilge (ISBN 1 87016673 6), Fascicle 4 (Names in C: Ceall Ghabhann to Cláiríne) / Fascúl 4 (Ainmneacha i C: Ceall Ghabhann go Cláiríne), Editors / Eagarthóirí: Pádraig Ó Riain, Diarmuid Ó Murchadha, Kevin Murray. Price: £22 stg., €24, US \$31.50 (Members £14 stg., €16, US \$21)

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